

**BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 25, 2008

Time: 7-8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Harvey Aulgur, Rick Cosgrave, Nancy Damon, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland

Excused Absentees: Mary Averett, Karen Lautermilch and Jane Voget

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager

Guests: Councilmembers Gordon Shaw and Kathy Keene

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:05 a.m. by Kevin Fitz, Chair

Minutes: Change to “The City of Burien Retreat” to clarify what we mean. The Minutes from January 11, 2008 were approved as corrected.

Chair’s Report – Kevin Fitz

Kevin and Doug Moreland commented on the recently mailed “Highline School District Report Card” information piece and how well written it was. A copy was handed around the table, while Geri Fain gave a brief update on new school construction in Burien. She said that while building is always a challenge, late steel deliveries were presenting the school system with greater challenges this past year and current year. Geri added that more lighting is being added to schools still in the planning stages to minimize vandalism.

Continued Discussion on BEDP Mission and City Manager Report

Bob Ewing passed out a written memorandum he had prepared (which is attached). After discussion of the memorandum content, a motion was made and passed unanimously “That the Partnership understands its’ Mission; that a new meeting structure involving a monthly study session be implemented beginning in February and that the Partnership get on with its’ work.” Because staff is preparing a recommendation to Council on a possible modified PAA due by middle of February, the first study session will be held at 7AM on February 8 at City Hall. Doug Moreland and Bob Ewing will meet early next week with Mike Martin and Dick Loman to prepare the agenda for this kick-off study session.

Economic Development Manager Report – Dick Loman

Dick Loman asked the Partnership to designate a BEDP Clean Sweep Liaison and also for volunteer Team Captains. This annual event will be held on Saturday, April 26. Volunteers are also needed for the Highline Mental Health Fund Raising Committee. Dick reported that Senator Cantwell’s E-4 Programs, \$454,000 earmark was contained in the Omnibus spending Bill signed by the President late last month. The grant will permit SBDC services to an additional 100 small businesses in the SKCEDI group of cities. Councilmember Shaw added that SKCEDI will have

a special colored insert in the Seattle Times and PI on March 10 and that Burien will be well represented in that promotion.

Discover Burien Report – Patty Sader

Patty Sader reported that the first scheduled Discover Burien mixer, which was jointly hosted by Miller Condominium Marketing, Wednesday, evening January 23, at the Town Square Sales Center was a great success.

Round The Table

Rick Cosgrave suggested that the Discover Burien seat be returned to regular Partnership membership. Kevin Fitz noted that no vacancies are available at this time. Patty Sader noted that if that decision was made, the permanent executive director, yet to be named, should fill it.

Future Agenda

Annexation discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 a.m.